

MINUTES OF THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 17, 2005
(Approved February 7, 2005)

The Board of Supervisors held their Workshop Meeting on Monday, January 17, 2005. Present for the meeting were supervisors Robert F. Preston, W. Atlee Rinehart, David K. Leinbach and Jay Doering. Also, in attendance were John A. Koury, Jr., Township Solicitor and Brady Flaharty of ARRO Consulting, Inc. Mr. Preston called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m., thanked Mr. Leinbach for his years of service on the Board and welcomed Jay Doering to the Board.

An executive session was held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to discuss personnel.

1. MINUTES

Minutes of the December 27, 2004 Special Meeting

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2004 special meeting as presented. Mr. Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Leinbach abstained due to his absence at the December 27, 2004 special meeting.

Minutes of the December 31, 2004 Special Meeting

Mr. Leinbach moved to approve the minutes of the December 31, 2004 special meeting. Mr. Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of the January 3, 2005 Organizational Meeting

Mr. Leinbach moved to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2005 organization meeting as presented. Mr. Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of the January 3, 2005 Monthly Meeting

Mr. Doering moved to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2005 monthly meeting as amended. Mr. Leinbach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Amendments being under subheading, Daylor Subdivision, in the fourth paragraph, change "grant waiver" to "modify waiver" and change "contingent upon a note being added.....shoulder would be installed." to "contingent upon 2-foot widening of the road with a 2-foot shoulder and tapered to be implemented at time of development of the lot."

2. REPORTS

Reports from Various Departments and Committees

Mr. Leinbach noted the Parks and Recreation Committee needs members due to recent committee resignations. Mr. Rinehart asked if a larger donation could be made to Ridge Fire Company from South Coventry due to the high demand of calls at Routes 100 and 23.

Fund Balances Report

Fund	Checking	Money Market	CDs	Total
General	\$25,018.56	\$88,956.79		\$113,975.35
Capital Reserve		\$1,001.63		\$1,001.63

Highway Aid	\$7,343.75	\$16,375.81		\$23,719.56
Sanitary Sewer	\$453.15	\$431.69		\$884.84
Phase I Sewer Escrow		\$75.49		\$75.49
Police Safety	\$1,920.10			\$1,920.10
TOTAL				\$141,576.97

Contexant Water Users Fund

\$986.21

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Chris Madden of 464 Harley Road inquired about the status of his neighbor's, Mr. Custer, pipe that is emitting water. Mr. Leinbach noted a violation letter was sent and fines should begin.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Township Building Expansion

Mr. Leinbach moved to approve Payment Application No. 2 to Fayette Group for the township building expansion. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Sewer Ordinance

There was a discussion regarding the sewer ordinance. Mr. Leinbach recommended collection of EDU's up front and performing a two (2) year test to verify usage. The Board requested the discussed concept be put into draft form by the Township Engineer.

Notification of Development

There was a discussion of the draft notification of development ordinance. The Township Solicitor will incorporate the comments of the East Coventry Township Planning Commission and the Township Planner for distribution. Mr. Leinbach noted there is not a Permit Officer and suggested it be an appointed Township Official. Mr. Leinbach stated the permit fee should be waived and the sign be part of the subdivision process. The Township Solicitor expressed concerns of the ordinance being challenged.

Fire Company Resolution

Mr. Rinehart met with the Fire Company regarding the above resolution. Mr. Rinehart stated if the Fire Company does not have a resolution stating that Ridge Fire Company is the appointed community fire company they have difficulty collecting reimbursable expenses. There was question why a resolution was necessary and it was noted the Fire Company has been denied reimbursements. Mr. Preston noted the Township should acknowledge support of the Fire Company. The Board of Supervisors requested the Township Solicitor develop a resolution.

6. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve payment of bills. Mr. Leinbach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. General fund in the amount of \$150,095.16, Highway Aid Fund in the amount of \$3,397.77 and Water Users Fund in the amount of \$586.49.

7. ADDITIONAL ITEMS BROUGHT TO THE BOARD

Mr. Rinehart asked about the status of the dirt portion of Spiece Road. Mr. Leinbach noted that portion of Spiece Road should be abandoned.

The Township Solicitor stated the John Evans Zoning Hearing is scheduled for February 24, 2005 and the Board of Supervisors should submit a list of conditions for the hearing. Mr. Preston asked the Township Solicitor to combine the Solicitor and Township Planner comments and submit to the Board of Supervisors and a meeting be set with the applicant's counsel if necessary.

Mr. Rinehart noted the Spring Hollow water use should drop due to the re-circulating water system that was installed.

The Board of Supervisors signed the Woodcrest Estates agreements and plans.

Mr. Leinbach moved to draw down \$50K on the township loan. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Leinbach moved to authorize the Township Solicitor to file the Vermeersch complaint. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Township Solicitor noted he had a draft of the Cingular decision prepared and the applicant had agreed to extension to January 31, 2005. Mr. Leinbach moved to authorize the Township Manager to obtain a transcript of the Cingular conditional use hearing. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Township Solicitor requested an executive session to discuss a litigation matter concerning a sign violation.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Doering moved to adjourn the monthly meeting at 9:30 p.m. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

David K. Leinbach
Township Secretary